

CROWN JEWEL MINE DECISION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on issues related to vacating the Record of Decision and denial of a plan of operations for the Crown Jewel Mine in Okanogan County, Washington, after receiving testimony from John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Roger Flynn, Western Mining Action Project, Boulder, Colorado; Roger W. Jeppson, Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard and Anderson, Reno, Nevada; Stephen D. Alfors, Alfors and Carver, Denver, Colorado; Danny E. Robertson, Battle Mountain Gold Company, and Mayor Jim Walker, both of Oroville, Washington; David Kliegman, Okanogan Highlands Alliance, Tonafhit, Washington; Joseph A. Pakootas, Colville Business Council, Nespelum, Washington; Gerald L. Shaheen, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois; and Stephen D'Esposito, Mineral Policy Center, and Patrick J. Garver, Barrick Resources, (USA) Inc., on behalf of the National Mining Association, both of Washington, D.C.

STADIUM FINANCING AND FRANCHISE RELOCATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 952, to expand an antitrust exemption applicable to professional sports leagues and to require, as a condition of such an exemption, participation by professional football and major league baseball sports leagues in the financing of certain stadium construction activities, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts State Representative Thomas M. Finneran, Boston; Connecticut State Senator Edith G. Prague, Columbia; Maryland State Delegate Jean B. Cryor, Annapolis; former Maryland State Delegate D. Bruce Poole, Poole and Poole, Hagerstown; John Moag, Jr., Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Andrew Zimbalist, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts; and Mark S. Rosentraub, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indianapolis.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee met and began consideration of the proposed Health Information Confidentiality Act, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 2202–2233; 1 private bill, H.R. 2231; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133, and H. Res. 207–208, were introduced. **Pages H4340–42**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, amended (H. Rept. 106–174, Part 3);

H. Res. 209, providing for consideration of H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders and H.R. 2122, to require background checks at gun shows (H. Rept. 106–186); and

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania,

to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, and to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park (H. Rept. 106–187). **Page H4340**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4225**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes of Washington, D.C. **Page H4230**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H4230**

Private Calendar: Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar. **Page H4230**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act: H.R. 17, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, and to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity;

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Security Assistance Act: H.R. 973, amended, to modify authorities with respect to the provision of security assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act;

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Sense of Congress Regarding Sierra Leone: H. Res. 62, amended, expressing concern over the escalating violence, the gross violations of human rights, and the ongoing attempts to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 205); and

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Condemning the National Islamic Front of Sudan: H. Con. Res. 75, amended, condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 206).

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Commodity Credit Corporation Annual Report: Message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and

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Exchange Stabilization Fund for Brazil: Message wherein he transmitted a notification that Exchange Stabilization Fund financing shall be made available to Brazil for more than 6 months—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–82).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

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Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century: The House passed H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, by a recorded vote of 316 yeas to 110 noes, Roll No. 209.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Shuster amendment that incorporates 40 specific provisions including the elimination of slot restrictions at O'Hare, LaGuardia, and Kennedy airports and making available additional slots for new airlines; and the authorization of studies, rules, and procedures regarding air service and safety.

Pages H4294–4300

Rejected:

The Young of Florida amendment that sought to eliminate provisions of the bill that authorize appropriations from the aviation trust fund and move the Airport and Airway Trust Fund off budget (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 207);

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The Graham amendment that sought to strike provisions of the bill which authorize an increase in Passenger Facility Charges (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 208);

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The Moran of Virginia amendment that sought to require that high density airports implement a program to mitigate aviation noise if those airports increase air service; and

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The Hyde amendment that sought to strike provisions of the bill that repeal slot restrictions at O'Hare, LaGuardia, and Kennedy airports and allows for slot increases at Reagan National Airport.

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Withdrawn:

The Jackson of Illinois amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to divert 50 percent of the Passenger Facilities Charges collected by Chicago's airports from the Chicago Airport Authority to the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

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The Andrews amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to waive the requirement that airports match funds upon receiving an FAA grant if they enter into an agreement with FEMA or another emergency response agency.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 206, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 106–185 that adds a new section extending airport and airway trust fund expenditure authority through fiscal year 2004 was considered as adopted.

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Clerk Designation—Deputy Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Martha C. Morrison, Deputy Clerk; in addition to Gerasimos C. Vans, Assistant to the Clerk, and Daniel J. Strodel,

Assistant to the Clerk; to sign papers and do all other acts under the name of the Clerk in case of his temporary absence or disability. **Page H4325**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:49 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4230.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4343.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4254, H4255, H4308–09, H4316–17, and H4324–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

Committee Meetings

DEBT RELIEF

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Debt Relief. Testimony was heard from Tim Geithner, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

PERSONAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS AND ANNUITIES—SECURE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Secure Investment Strategies for Personal Retirement Accounts and Annuities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSUMER AND INVESTOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

DELINQUENT DEBTS—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "What is the Federal Government Doing to Collect the Billions of Dollars in Delinquent Debts it is Owed?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Donald Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary; and Richard Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Services; Thomas J. Pestka, Director, Debt Collection Services; Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; and Saul Ramirez, Deputy

Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

FUTURE—ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Future of Our Economic Partnership with Europe. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; David Aaron, Under Secretary International Trade, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 1658, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999.

Will continue June 23.

CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT; MANDATORY GUN SHOW BACKGROUND CHECK ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate confined to the bill and the amendments made in order to H.R. 1501, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999, divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in part A of this report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that, except as specified in the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in part A of this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The amendments printed in part A of this report shall not be subject to amendment, except as specified in part A of this report. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of this report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in part A of this report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Judiciary Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1501, with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule provides one hour of general debate confined to the bill and the amendments made in order to H.R. 2122, Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act of 1999, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority